(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraints of manpower, resources and other infrastructural facilities, it is not possible to telecast morning news bulletin in the regional languages from the Regional Doordarshan Kendras at present

Appointment of Chief Executive in UTI

3001. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UTI which is the biggest Mutual Fund Organisation of India, is allowed to be mismanaged due to delay in appointing a regular Chief Executive;

(b) if so, whether any panel of names has been recommended/shortlisted and what are the details thereof; and

(c) how soon Government will finalise the appointment?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No Sir. UTI has a full time excecutive Trustee and an Acting Chairman at present

(b) and (c) Government has constituted a search committee for appointing a regular Chairman for UTI. The recommendation of the Committee is being processed.

पैट्रोलियम-उत्पादों के मूल्य में वृद्धि का सामान्य मूल्य स्तर पर प्रभाव

3002. श्री सोमपाल: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने पैट्रोलियम-उत्पादों के मूल्य में वृद्धि का सामान्य मूल्य स्तर पर प्रभाव का कोई मूल्यांकन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न वर्गों की वस्तुओं के मूल्यों पर उक्त प्रभाव का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त मूल्य वृद्धि के कारण सभी वस्तुओं की उत्पादन-लागत बढ़ जाएगी जिसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकारी कर्मचारियों के वेतन, पेंशन और सरकार द्वारा की जाने वाली खरीदारी और सार्वजनिक निर्माण-कार्यों पर व्यय होने वाली राशि में वृद्धि होगी;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयात से पूरे होने वाले घाटे की तुलना में सरकार के उक्त व्ययों के कारण होने वाला घाटा अधिक होगा;

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार ने सरकारी व्यय में वृद्धि के कारण होने वाली घाटा राशि तथा पैट्रोलियम-उत्पादों के आयात से पूरा कर लिए जाने वाले घाटे की राशि का हिसाब लगाया है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम): (क) 2 जुलाई, 1996 में पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की कीमतों में हुई वृद्धि मुद्रास्फीति की दर में आई लगभग 1.2 प्रतिशत की एक बार में हुई वृद्धि के परिणामस्वरूप होने का अनुमान है।

(ख) विभिन्न श्रेणियों की वस्तुओं की कीमतों पर इस वृद्धि के प्रभाव का अनुमान नहीं लगाया गया है।

(ग) से (च) चूंकि पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की कीमतों में वृद्धि का प्रभाव मुद्रास्फीति की दर को एक प्रतिशतांक बिन्दु से अधिक बढ़ा देगा, सामान्य मूल्य स्तर पर इसके अप्रत्यक्ष प्रभाव को पूरी तरह से परिलक्षित होने में कुछ समय लगेगा। अतः उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक में होने वाली वृद्धि और सरकार की मजदूरी क्षतिपूर्ति और अन्य व्ययों पर तदनुरूपी प्रभाव को पूर्वानुमानित करना समय से पूर्व है।

Punjab Films shown on Doordarshan

3003. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many punjabi feature films have been shown on Doordarshan's National as well as Regional Network during the last three years; and

(b) details thereof year-wise till date?

THE MINISTER OF INFORAMTION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The details of Punjabi features films telecast during the last three years are as under:

Year	National Network	Regional Network
1994	1	11
1995	2	11
1996 (till date)	2	07

Beds to be kept for free treatment in privats hospitals

3004. MAULANA ODAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARB be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 40 to 50% of the beds in private hospital are to be kept for free treatment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of private hospitals ate floating the norm; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OP HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In the past, private hospitls nursing homes were allowed to import medical equipment at concessional rate of custom duty subject to the condition that certain percentage of free treatment will be provided in OPD/VD to (he poor. The State Governments am required to check whether these condition are being met by Private hospitals/Nursing home

Permanent account mumbers of income tax payera in the country

3005. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total munber of income tax payers in the country as on does showing the number of body corporate and individual tax payers separately;

(b) whether parmenmt account numbers has been allotted to every income tax payer in the country; and

(c) if not, what is the backlog and by when all the tax payors awe likely to be allotted permanent account number by the Income Tax Department?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The information regarding number of income tax payers in the coumry is as under:

(i) total number of income tax payers as on 31-12-95— 102.60 lakhs;

(ii) number of companies out of (i) above —1 .88 lakhs;

(iii) number of individuals out of (i) above — 84.26 lakhs; and

(iv) others — 16.46 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Substantial number of the tax payers have been allotted Permanent Account Number under old series. However as part of Comprehensive Computerisation and to ensure uniqueness in the first phase, Permanent Account Number under New Series is being allotted since April, 1995 in Delhi, Mumbai and Madras to taxpayers. Out of 17.31 lakh taxpayers, who had filed returns of income in these cities, 12.63 lakh taxpayers have filled in application forms required for allotment of PAN under the new series. Out of this 6,95,653 taxpayers have been allotted PAN under the new series and 4,39,524 forms were found deficient for which taxpayers have been approached.

Allotment of Permanent Account Number under new series in the rest of the country is being taken up in a phased manner.

Deregulating lending rate of Regional Rural Banks

3006. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to deregulate the lending rate of Regional Rural Banks (RRB's);

(b) whether any proposal was under consideration of Government since long;

(c) if so, the idea behind the proposal; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) In the context of the need for ensuring viability of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and ensuring the flow of adequate and sustainable credit to the rural sector, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has